



# St. Patrick's Boys' National School

Oct 2018



## Thank You Sensory Room Appeal

Dear Parents, A multi-sensory room is a specially equipped room which is designed as a safe, calming and quiet place which all children, but particularly children with special needs can use as a brief refuge from the busy and stimulating classroom environment.

This room will benefit all children in the school. We estimate that this will cost €16,000, therefore we plan to develop the facility in stages. As you are aware we have been fundraising for this room. The support that our school community have given us has been truly amazing.

Thank you to Rahillion Builders for their very generous donation. Congrats to Louise (parent) who did a sponsored swim for the appeal and to Maeve (parent) who organised a cake sale in her work-place.



Last week we had a very brave abseiling team, organised by Andy and Maeve Minshull and joined by parents, staff, pupils, past pupils, parents council and friends, who raised over €5000 and climbing!

The overall fund now stands at €12,600.

Thank you to everyone involved this was a great achievement and we are so grateful for all your efforts and support.

We have appointed a builder, to break through a wall and put in a new door. We hope to have this done over the October break. I will keep you posted on our progress. Thank you Brian Horan.

We will celebrate Maths week next week and we are working towards our Discovery Primary Science & Maths Award 2019.

Lots of maths activities will take place around the school.



### Lámh is a manual sign system used by children and adults with intellectual disability and communication needs in Ireland.

A number of children in our school are using Lámh with their families and we want to give them the best chance to communicate well in school. We have found that using Lámh signs with the whole class, especially in the early years, helps all children with communication issues. In addition to this, the children find Lámh signing fun. This year, we are hoping to include the wider school community in engaging with Lámh. We will have Lámh leaders teach the sign of the week to all pupils in assembly time each morning.

School Website [[www.stpatsbns.ie](http://www.stpatsbns.ie)]

Please take some time to log on to the school website for events and news.



Hello

#### Election/Polling Day

School will be closed on Friday 26th October for Presidential Elections Polling

#### Mid Term Break

School will be closed on Monday 29th for the week (Mid term break) and will re-open on Monday 5th November at 9am.

#### First Holy Communion

Saturday 18th May

#### First Penance

Saturday 2nd March

#### Confirmation Day

Friday 5th April

#### Service of Light

Monday 1st April

You can access our

School Calendar on

[www.stpatsbns.ie](http://www.stpatsbns.ie)

## News from our Parents Council

Dear Parents,  
Our AGM will take place on  
Tuesday 13th November.

Christmas Fayre  
6th December.

Thank you for your  
support.

The Parent's Council.



## **Our Healthy Eating Guidelines**

Healthy eating is such an important part of our young people's lives. They need our support. Please ensure that your son's lunch contains no sweets (except a small treat on Friday), no crisps and if possible no sugary drinks. Thank You.

1. Follow food pyramid guidelines
2. Try something new now & again
3. At least one piece of fruit for school.
4. Drink plenty of water.
5. Keep treats a treat. Once a week is enough.
6. No fizzy drinks, crisps or sweets.



**Food Allergy Note: A number of our pupils have a serious food allergy. Please do not send in nuts, kiwis or nutella to school. Thank You.**

## Green School News

### **Theme: Global Citizenship Energy**

Our Green Schools Committee are busy working towards our next Green School Flag.

Over the coming weeks we will let you know how you can play your part in helping us get out next Green School's Flag.

On 17th October we have a WOW (Walk on Wednesday) Day—Walk, Cycle or Scoot to school.

## **News from around the school....**



### **Music in the Classroom**

All children from 1st class up will enjoy learning to play the tin whistle in school.

Mr. Crowe, Mr. Leen, Mr. Giles & Mr. Geoghegan are running this year's gaelic league (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class).

The league will run on Tuesday (jnr) and Thursday (snr) afternoons from 3-4pm in Ballymastone GAA grounds.

We would like to thank St. Patrick's GAA for the generous use of their grounds.

A warm welcome to Naoise Waldron, GPO from St. Pats GAA, who will join us next week to work with the classes on their football skills.

Sport is for all, do encourage your son to get involved.



Our school behaviour system is called Positive Behaviour for Learning, or PBL.

PBL is about recognising and rewarding the good behaviour the children display in a consistent and fair manner. Since we returned the children have been taught the behavioural expectations of our school, and strategies to help them achieve positive behaviour for learning.

**We are Caring & Respectful**